GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3148
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2005
IMPORT OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS
Mollah Shri Hannan

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) import of agriculture commodities from US and European Union countries during each of the last three years, item-wise, country-wise;

(b) item-wise fall of prices of agri-commodities during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to save the Indian farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The country-wise import of principal agriculture commodities from US and European Union during the last three years is given in Annexure I. The details of other agriculture commodities imported during the last three years may be seen in the publications `Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. II(Imports)-Annual Number` published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics which is available in the Parliament Library.

(b) The item-wise wholesale price index of agricultural commodities whose prices have been fallen is given in Annexure II.

(c): Subsequent to removal of quantitative restrictions of imports, the Government has increased import duties on a number of agricultural products to provide protection to the domestic farmers. Further, restrictions on domestic sale has been imposed on imported pepper. In order to ensure that the farmers of the country are not put to any hardship, the Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items that include most of Agricultural commodities.

Annexure 1

Annexure I

USA EUROPEAN UNION(EU) Value in Rs. Lakhs

AUSTRIA BELGIUM DENMARK FINLAND FRANCE GERMANY GREECE IRELAND ITALY LUXEMBOURG NETHERLAND PORTUGAL SPAIN SWEDEN U K

Wheat
2002-03 NIL
2003-04 NIL
2004-05(P) NIL
Rice
2002-03 NIL 0.2 0 0.05 NIL
2003-04 0.56 NIL
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Other cereal
2002-03 13.71 NIL 2.65
2003-04 10.39 NIL
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Pulses
2002-03 1286.19 NIL 1384.37 0 29439.7 3401.9 NIL 0.34 NIL 243.72
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Milk & Cream
2002-03 25.36 0 48.29 354.24 0 338.21 38.67 NIL 99.98 0 1.03 0 0.48
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2004-05(P) 8.85 0 29.29 281.54 0 759.27 0 0.16 0 1.23 0 33.48 0 1.32
Cashew nuts
2002-03 NIL 57.51
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2004-05(P) 0 28.71 NIL 111.33 0
Fruits & Nuts excl. cashew nuts
2002-03 20645.41 0 4.77 0 42.99 0.45 0 26.98 0 16.9 0 122.26 0 29.49
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Annexure II

Wholesale Price Index

Commodity	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Bajra	190.3	178.6	183.0
Maize	189.5	181.2	187.9
Barley	193.8	179.5	188.6
Gram	149.7	142.5	137.1
Moong	208.0	195.9	187.4
Urad	239.8	217.4	216.3
Potatoes	190.0	111.4	169.8
Tapioca	177.1	200.6	170.8
Cauliflower	165.1	193.8	136.1
Apples	542.1	539.7	493.0
Eggs	137.3	134.8	136.7
Fish-Inland	287.0	254.0	269.6
Poultry chicken	102.4	91.6	84.5
Black pepper	246.2	226.4	192.1
Chillies(Dry)	253.9	294.3	225.9
Cardamoms	193.9	152.4	130.4
Cummin	137.9	116.7	115.6
Garlic	246.1	197.8	187.7
CORRIANDER	204.4	228.9	185.8
Biscuits	176.4	154.9	156.1
Groundnut cake	219.5	242.2	217.6